IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 213 OF 2007

Shri John Milagres D'Souza,
Aged 36 years, Indian National,
Resident of H. No.54,
Donhas Vaddo,
Behind Govt. Primary School,
Duler, Mapusa-Goa. ... Petitioner

versus

1. State of Goa
   Through Chief Secretary,
   Government of Goa,
   Porvorim Goa.

2. Additional Collector of
   North Goa, Office of Collector,
   Panaji-Goa.

3. Chief Conservator of Forests,
   Gomantak Maratha Samaj,
   Panaji-Goa. ... Respondents

Mr. Shivan Dessai, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. S. S. Kantak, Advocate General with Ms. R. Chodankar, Additional Government Advocate for the Respondents.

CORAM : S. A. BOBDE &
N. A. BRITTO, JJ.

DATE : 11TH JUNE, 2007.

ORAL JUDGMENT

Rule returnable forthwith.

2. After hearing the matter for some time, the following order is passed by consent. The impugned order rejecting the Petitioner's permission for conversion of lands to agricultural are hereby set aside. The Respondent-Conservator of Forests shall consider whether the Petitioner's lands are included in the Karapurkar or Sawant Committees or otherwise forest areas and shall consider the Petitioner's applications for conversion and thereupon the Collector shall consider the Petitioner's applications for conversion in accordance with the permission of the Conservator of Forests and in accordance with law. The Petitioner's applications shall be decided within a period of three months from today. Rule disposed of.

S. A. BOBDE, J.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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